

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 7, 2004

IN RE:

**GENERIC DOCKET ADDRESSING
RURAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE**

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**DOCKET NO.
00-00523**

**ORDER GRANTING THE COALITION'S
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
THE AUTHORITY'S SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 ORDER**

This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this Docket at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 27, 2004 for consideration of the Petition for Reconsideration ("Petition") filed by the Rural Independent Coalition of Small Local Exchange Carriers and Cooperatives (the "Coalition") on September 16, 2004. The Coalition's Petition seeks reconsideration of the panel's *Order Reconsidering Hearing Officer's Initial Order Addressing Legal Issue 2 And Amending The Hearing Officer's Order Issued May 6, 2004* which was issued on September 1, 2004. A Response in Opposition to the Petition was filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on September 23, 2004.

Based upon a review of the filings of the Coalition and BellSouth and after reviewing the record, a majority of the panel¹ voted to grant the Coalition's Petition for Reconsideration and set deliberations on the merits of the reconsideration on the October 11, 2004 Authority Conference.

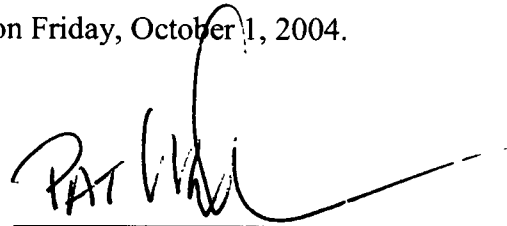
¹ Director Jones abstained from voting because he had not voted in support of the majority decision as reflected in the September 1, 2004 Order

The panel also voted to require that any party desiring to submit a filing in support of its position regarding the reconsideration must do so no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Coalition's Petition is granted and the merits of the reconsideration of the September 1, 2004 Order shall be deliberated at the Authority's October 11, 2004 Authority Conference.

2. Any party desiring to make a filing in support of its position regarding the reconsideration shall do so no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2004.

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Pat Miller, Director

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Sara Kyle, Director

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Ron Jones, Director